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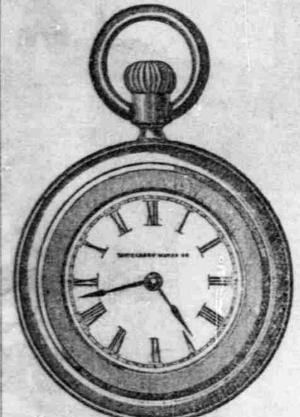
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A General Description of Its Timber, Coal, Iron, &c.

[A. R. Crandall.] A section on the farm of Green Gibbs, on Muddy Fork of Indian creek, shows a local feature that has been thought to promise better results from coal mining than elsewhere in this region. A considerable thickness of bituminous shale, in some parts an impure coal, gives to the unpracticed eye the appearance of a heavy coal deposit. Nearly the same feature, but in less thickness, is shown on one of rope \$1 52 a year. Terms invariably cash in the branches of Leatherwood Fork of Indian creek, a little to the westward. advance. Postage free to all subscribers in At the head of Cane creek a considerable thickness of cannel slate is found at the base of the shale series. There appears following species, besides some others, ...1885 to be nothing in these beds to warrant which doubtless have been overlooked. any expectation of local deposits of ex- no time having been at command for a ceptional value. On the contrary, it special study of this subject. may be found that the impure coal of this locality is the equivalent of the coal in abundance, is the white oak. The of section 1. If this should prove to be black oak is abundant on the hillsides. would be somewhat reduced. This feather black, but is less abundant. The 10 00 ture appears to be local, however, and chestnut oak is abundant along the ridges. the main coal in workable thickness is The pin oak, or perhaps the scarlet oak found at the head of Leatherwood Fork, (not in season to determine species), genand also at a number of points on East erally present on the low spurs between Fork of Indian creek.

increased number of coals, and a change of the county on Slate creek. The beech 20 00 in the relative position of the main bed. is abundant in the valleys generally. Whether this last fact is owing to a de- The sugar tree, the white or soft maple, crease in the importance of the coal of and the red maple are present—the first ness of the shales below this coal, is not met with here and there as a single tree. made clear from the facts at hand. It The tulip tree, generally known as the is quite probable, however, that one of the upper beds is the equivalent of the sides. The chestnut is found in great Single Copies by Mail 3 Cents. To Europe Bull Fork coal. No openings have been numbers towards the top of the hills. ures are such, however, as to show that of Old Beaver Furnace, they often largethe upper beds only may be expected to ly predominate, the first two species

in Wolfe county, a section similar to sec- small numbers. The white ash and the tion 4 is found. Coal of very superior linden or linn, as it is sometimes called, quality has been shipped in small quan- are found in some of the valleys. The tity to Mt. Sterling from the upper beds. former is exceptionally abundant in the The coal was obtained by benching. No valley of Leatherwood Fork of Indian authentic information has been gathered creek. The buckeye is found in the as to the exact thickness of the beds, larger valleys; the sycamore has about which are now mostly covered.

on the surface. It is exposed in large walnut grow in all the main valleys. blocks, particularly on the left fork of The locust tree is seen occasionally on Gilladie creek, and in the ridge between the hillsides. The cucumber tree is seen

first, last and all the time is for a reduction perhaps along Dry Ridge, where the of the war taxes, as levied on the people by shale series is in considerable thickness, of frequent occurrence. The redbud is is without a superior in the world as a great varying where exposed from twenty to and the willows are scattered along the

not neglecting, however, the infinite variety number of places in Beaver Creek valley. The pawpaw is abundant on the water of choice miscellany that causes it to be so In the immediate region of Old Beaver courses. The persimmon is less abundant, great a favorite in the family circle. The Furnace it was formerly opened and Of the cone-bearing trees, the hemlock return to power of the Democratic party worked. In the region of Clear Creek and the vellow pine are the most abund-Furnace it is now obtained in abundance ant-the former on rocky surfaces near for furnace supply. The region near the the streams, the latter along the ridges. head of Beaver creek promises, so far as The white pine is abundant in some parts The Weekly Courier Journal has the Largest surface indications go, to become a more of the Red River valley, but only a few Democratic Circulation of any Newspaper important iron ore region than the local- trees of this species fall within the counit ask any subscriber to it as to its merits as State Road branch, above Frenchburg, limestone cliffs or ledges. a great family and political newspaper. In the ore is particularly abundant on the surface, as also at some points along the hilly counties, should be held in high esof the United States. If money, industry face of the ridge between the upper Beav- timation among those things that go to

A section near the head of Beaver same creek, show a feature which is not uncommon in the sub-carboniferous limestone of this region—a bed of so-called lithographic limestone, varying from a Murtry's quarry, on the opposite of Lick- tal. ing river, blocks were sometime since ob- In the flush times, capital and specula-

rid head inside or outside the Democratic creek, a branch leading against this ridge, section. party. It will fight intolerance and liberal- an iron industry has already sprung up, Local capital has now begun to see its ism wherever they appear, and has no quar- Clear Creek Furnace having been in suc- mistake, and time is fast settling the uncessful operation for years previous to certainties of titles.

ductive coal measures. Courier-Journal will be sent free of charge loam. Where the shales below or above South Atlantic (a narrow gauge) a few interest of Eastern Kentucky, the place A good local agent is desired in every com- of the surface material, the soil is more save Powell and Estill are underlaid much interested in it. So please find enmunity, to whom a liberal cash commission clayey. The disintegration of the con- with every variety of coal, except anthra- closed \$1, for which enter my name and en to any one, unless personally known to the subscriber. Address to the subscriber, and no subscriber and subscriber to the soil a large per cent. of coarse sand. perior quality.

In the counties of Wolfe, Morgan, Maline to the sub-carboniferous limestone, no doubt, adds considerably goffin. Floyd Martin Pike Letcher Perior quality. unfavorble for extensive tillage. Pastur- is exceptional. age should become an important part of The counties of Greenup, Lewis, Carnote-heads, bill-heads, cards, &c., neatly of Eastern Kentucky, home news, &c., will husbandry in this region. The steep ter, Bath, Menifee, Wolfe, Powell, Lee, be mailed to any address for \$1.00 CASH. hillsides are particularly unsuited to till- Estill, Owsley and Jackson are underlaid

much to offset the disadvantages of a ton ore bed. hilly and broken surface.

The timber of Menifee includes the

First in importance, both in value and ie fact, then the area of workable coal The red oak has about the same range as The sections on Gilladic creek show an the laurel oak are found along the border section 1, or to an increase in the thick- in considerable numbers, the last only of as high a polish as marble. made in this locality to determine the The hickories are well represented, and in real thickness of these beds. The exposbeing most abundant. The black gum

Near the mouth of Chimney-top creek, or gum tree is found everywhere in the same range. The elm ranges from The limestone ore is present in all this the creek bottoms well up on the hillregion, as is shown from the fragments sides. The black walnut and the white Middle and Leatherwood Forks of Indian occasionally on the heads of streams, but rarely large enough to be valuable for lumber. The mulberry is found along In the valley of Beaver creek, except the base of the hills. The sassafras tree, only one coal bed of importance will be occasionally, and the ironwood is rarely, found. In thickness it is not uniform, found on the hillsides. The hornbeam streams. The holly is limited to the vi-The limestone ore is exposed at a great cinity of the most precipitous cliffs.

in America. If you are unacquainted with ities already mentioned. On the Old ty line. A few red cedars occur near the The timber of Menifee, as of all the

> make up the natural wealth of the region. creek, and one near the mouth of the EASTERN KENTUCKY'S RESOURCES. A Graphic Description of Its Minerals, Timber, Lands and Coal,

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Description of the United States and Europe. Sepoints in the United States and Europe. Sepoint

tained and tested for lithograph use, with | tion were attracted to more distant but | satisfactory results. The band is not so not more profitable localities. This was uniform in quality, where seen, as to in- due to two causes: First, the staid and sure equally good results without careful | conservative character of Kentucky capitalists, who would not consent to risk The valley of Salt Lick is not properly any considerable portion of their capital within the coal region, the westward in the inviting fields so near them, and boundary ridge being entirely sub-car- foreign capital was loth to believe that boniferous and Devonian. But the main investments in this region really promised other than the confidence and support of ridge, between Salt Lick and Beaver and would yield the rich returns reprecreek, is capped by the conglomerate sented, and arrived at the conclusion sandstone with underlying coal and iron- they were greatly exaggerated, as local bearing shales, giving to this valley what- capital failed to interest itself in them. EZEL-1st Sunday, Raptist, Rev. W. L. be sent to one address from this office, for itself, regardless of consequences. It ever advantages the coal and iron depos- Second, because of the unsettled state of will fight monopoly whether it rears its hor- its of this ridge may offer. On Clear landed titles throughout the mountain

The region from the mouth of the Big East of Beaver Creek basin the sub- Sandy river, up that stream with the conglomerate beds are below the drain- West Virginia line to the Virginia line, age, except near Licking river. Most of thence with it to the Tennessee line, that part of Blackwater creek which is thence with it to its intersection with the within Menifee has its bed in the con- Knoxville Branch of the L. & N. R. R., in the ground. Sunday Courier-Journal 1 year...... 2 00 glomerate sandstone. The sub-conglom- thence westward along the line of that Sunday Courier-Journal 6 months...... 1 00 erate beds are, therefore, of little eco- road to Livingston, thence via Richmond, and county in your next issue. nomic value east of the Beaver Creek Winchester, Mt. Sterling and the Big are capped by the shales above the con- Sandy river, known as the Railroad Wil- kinds commands a fair price. glomerate. These shales usually include derness, and embraces these counties, Good for W. O. Mize's offer! I think one or two coals. In this belt no coals viz.: Menifee, Morgan, Elliott, Johnson, it generous. Pay up, boys, and get the of considerable thickness have been ob-Postage on papers is prepaid by the served. Eastward, in Wolfe and Morgan Letcher, Perry, Breathitt, Wolfe, Powell, cat spilling the ink. I often think of it. counties, the conglomerate falls below Estill, Jackson, Owsley, Lee, Clay, I received a sample copy of your parties of premiums offered in connection the drainage, and the whole height of Knox, Bell, Harlan and Leslie, no one of per, and am well pleased with it, more with the Weekly Courier-Journal includes a the hills are made up of the rocks of pro- which is blessed with a railroad except so because it comes from Hazel Green the Chattaroi, penetrates a short distance and gives the news from home and old The soil of Menifee is mostly sandy into Lawrance, and the Kentucky & friends. As the paper is printed in the the conglomerate supply the greater part miles into Menifee. All these counties and home of my childhood, I am very glomerate sandstone, the most prominent | cite, in strata ranging from 20 inches to | send paper for one year to the address rock of the greater part of Menifee, gives seven feet in thickness, most of it of su- named above. I am proud of the sam-

to the richness of the soil of the valleys ry, Breathitt, Clay, Leslie, Knox, Bell, among them, G. B. Swango, J. Pieratt, where it is exposed; while the woodlands, Harlan and Lee there are found worka- J. Terrill, J. N. Vaughn, S. S. Combs, which comprise by far the greater part ble deposits of the finest parlor cannel A. P. Lacey, W. O. Mize, and in fact of the county, are rich in vegetable coal, the strata varying in thickness from most all the names mentioned in your mould. The unevenness of the surface is two to seven feet or more, but the latter county, and many others.

age. Rich in vegetable mould when first with rich pockets of car-wheel iron ore, cleared of timber, it takes but a few and the whole of the counties spoken of years of plowing and washing to render are covered with forests of the finest and them barren, and, for a time, nearly worthless. When this result has been reached, it is too late to seed for pasture. largest yellow poplar, yellow pine, walnut, maple, cucumber, ash, white oak, red oak, and other valuable timbers, and With this system, or want of system in about 30 miles from this place (Mt Sterfarming, that tends to this result, there ling) on the waters of Red river, there is nothing to do but to clear another tract and sacrifice it in the same way. It is largely owing to this way of farm- 12 miles distant from this place in Bath ing that the apparent barrenness of the county, near the line of the C. & O. R.R., hill country, where cleared, so belies the there is an immense deposit of iron ore, natural fertility of the soil. Well direct- ranging in thickness from 30 to 60 feet, ed enterpise in farming would do very known as the Owings, Wickliffe, or Pres-

In Carter county there is a large concentrated mass of iron ore known as the Lambert bed.

In Owsley county there is a stratum of iron ore extending some miles, about 2} feet in thickness, which is so nearly pure iron that an old man by the name of Rowland, a blacksmith, habitually made

his horse-shoes out of the ore. In Rowan county, about 10 miles up Licking river from where the C. & O. R. R. crosses it, there is a very large deposit of first-class lithograph stone. It is owned by eight persons in this vicinity. This stone has been successfully tested by many of the largest lithographers in this country, and in 1876, at the Centennial, it took the premium over the Barvarian stone, in a contest submitted to 11 practical lithographers. In the same vicinity there is an immense deposit of buff, bas-tard lithograph building-stone of great tension and durability, and susceptible

In Floyd county there are immense beds of coking coal from 34 to 54 feet in

In Letcher county, near the Virginia line, there is a deposit of fine cannel coal wards, but he could not fully measure it on account of high water. It is known

as the Field cannel coal. In Bell county, on the banks of the Cumberland river, there is a deposit of coal known as the Browning coal, of good workable stratum, which is so pure and nice that you can build a fire with it with your kid gloves on without soiling them. This coal it is said is found nowhere else in the world except in Newfoundland.

Many of the western railroads could not have been built but for liberal government land grants. It seems to me that roads might be built through the mountains of Kentucky by the adoption or modification of this principle. Hundreds of land owners along the line of a road connecting Lexington with the Virginia railroad system, would be willing to give to a company that would demonstrate its ability to build the road, one third of the coal, iron, mineral and lumber rights upon their lands to make the remaining two-thirds greatly more valuable than the whole in an undeveloped state. The plan of building a road by the grant of government lands has the advantage of eceiving them in a solid grant, and by the proposed plan, they would have to be gotten at considerable trouble and expense, by grants from the individual landowners along the route. But the presence of a railroad only multiplies the value of the agricultural lands of the west by about four or five, and would multiply the value of coal, iron and lumber land from 25 to 200, and this last fact would more than compensate for

having to get up the grants in detail. The writer did, with the assistance of one or two others, in about one month in the spring of 1881, get up about 36,000 acres of such grants for a company that could not and did not demonstrate its ability to build, and ventures to assert that, with the aid of one intelligent assistant, he can in 100 days get up 100,000 acres of such grants for a company of demonstrated and acknowledged ability. Of course, the grants would be contracts a number of points; and from Mr. Mc- investment and speculation open to capi- to convey the rights to the company when the road was built to a point that developed them, provided it was so built in a specified reasonable time. The writer suggested this plan for building railroads in Eastern Kentucky in a communication to the Cincinnati Enquirer

These timber and mineral rights would, in a few years after the construction of the road, repay its whole cost.

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